Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it not the duty of the Government to take some vigorous action?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The time has arisen.

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The resolution is moved by Mr. Popatlal. He was one of the Members.

Poor Problem—Committee Report regarding.

72. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state:—

(a) the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Government to report on the solution of the poor problem;

(b) what steps the Government have taken on them?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) The Committee has not submitted its report yet.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Honorary Visitors—Medical Institutions.

73. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri Town North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the object behind appointing Honorary Visitors to the various hospitals, dispensaries, etc.?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—To suggest ways and means for the improvement of the institutions.

The Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.—working of.

74. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any arrangements for the working of the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., and if so, what it is?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Some time back Government published a notification in the Gazette inviting proposals for the working of the Tanneries. No satisfactory response was made to this notification. Under these circumstances no arrangements have yet been made for the working of the Tanneries.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—May I know, Sir, if there was any response?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—There was.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—May I know what they are?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—It is not advisable to divulge the conditions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—Has the Government considered the point of running this institution under State control and State ownership?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—The matter is under consideration now. We have published a notification inviting persons to take up the Tanneries and the matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—My question was, has the Government considered?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—That is after these proposals are considered by Government. I cannot give any definite assurance.

Shares owned by Cochinites—the Cochin Textiles, Ltd.

75. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of shares owned by Cochinites in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd.?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Government did not get any information or they did not think it necessary to get the information?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—They have not called for the information. Every shareholder can get the information from the Company.

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